

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An audio system for a vehicle that includes a first passenger location and a second passenger location, the second passenger location situated behind the first passenger location, the audio system including a first directional audio channel signal source; a surround audio channel signal source; a first electroacoustical transducer coupled to the first directional audio signal source and to the surround audio channel source, situated forward of the second passenger location and behind the first passenger location. The first electroacoustical transducer radiates sound waves corresponding to audio signals from the first directional audio channel signal source and corresponding to audio signals from the surround audio channel signal source. The system further includes a second electroacoustical transducer coupled to the first directional audio signal source, situated forward of the first electroacoustical transducer. The second electroacoustical transducer is constructed and arranged for radiating sound waves corresponding to the first directional audio channel signal.

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